

TAXI & PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING PANEL

13th September, 2005 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Wates (Chair); Councillors R. Davies and Garrett.

35 APOLOGIES (REF: 1)

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors Saleem and Shaw.

36 MINUTES (REF: 2.1)

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 16th August 2005 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

37 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, PART VA (REF: 5)

Resolved: That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as it is likely that if members of the public were present during consideration of the items remaining there would be disclosure to them of exempt information falling within Paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

38 HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – RENEWAL – MR. T. M. (REF: 6.1)

The Head of Environmental and Consumer Services reported on an application by Mr. T. M. for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence, which she was not authorised to approve in view of the application being outside the Council's Convictions Policy.

Mr. T. M. had been invited to attend the meeting to speak in support of his application. Mr. T. M. was not present.

Resolved: That consideration of the application be **DEFERRED** to a future meeting of the Panel to allow the applicant a further opportunity to attend the meeting to speak in support of his application.

39 PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – RENEWAL – MR. S. A. S. (REF: 6.2)

The Head of Environmental and Consumer Services reported on an application by Mr. S. A. S. for the renewal of a Private Hire Driver's Licence,

which she was not authorised to approve in view of the application being outside the Council's Convictions Policy.

Mr. S. A. S. had been invited to attend the meeting to speak in support of his application. Mr. S. A. S. and his representative were present at the meeting and the Panel followed their procedure for oral hearings as set out at Minute 442(6)/90 of the then Licensing Sub-Committee.

Resolved: (i) That having regard to the Panel's finding of fact that on 24th October 2003 Mr. S. A. S.:

- (a) committed an indecent assault on a 12 year old girl in his private hire vehicle;
- (b) invited another male into his vehicle for the same purpose;
- (c) falsely imprisoned the same 12 year in his private hire vehicle;
- (d) left the same 12 year old girl to walk home on her own in the dark at 9.45p.m;

(ii) Mr. S. A. S's complete failure to co-operate with the Police investigation into this matter even to the extent of refusing to confirm whether or not he was driving a private hire vehicle on 24th October 2003;

(iii) Mr. S. A. S's failure to provide an account of his movements on 24th October 2003 to the Council's Licensing Unit when questioned about the allegations made against him;

(iv) Mr. S. A. S's failure to answer any questions put to him by the Panel in relation to 24 October 2003 or to give an account of his movements on that date;

the application be **REFUSED** under Section 61(1)(b) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 on the grounds that the Panel are not satisfied that Mr. S. A. S. was a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Driver's Licence.

(Note: The meeting ended at 7.00 p.m.)